



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Insurance Commissioner

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 284-66 WAC, Medicare Supplement Insurance

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2004-08

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 48.02.060, 48.66.165

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Changes to the Medicare Supplement Insurance rules are necessary to assure compliance with the standards prescribed by the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA). Amendments to the Medicare Supplement Insurance rule will be consistent with the amendments to the NAIC Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards Model Act that were adopted as a result of the MMA. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires states to implement the updated NAIC model amendments by September 8, 2005.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The MMA authorizes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to impose its own regulatory scheme for Medicare plans in the event that states do not comply with the provisions of the MMA in a timely manner.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☒ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Send written comments by: December 20, 2004 to

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How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

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